

Meeting to discuss Conservation Strategies
November 9, 2005
DNRC Headquarters
Missoula

Meeting notes

Present were Mike O'Herron, Sarah Pierce, and Roger Bergmeier

Public input recorded on posters:

- The ESA is an un-funded mandate.
- The mandate of the Enabling Act is to provide income for trust beneficiaries. Species conservation has a detrimental impact on revenue generation for the trusts.
- Quantifying impacts to trust revenues due to species conservation is important. How much will it cost the trusts?
- The funding section should point out that ESA species conservation costs the trusts.
- The federal government should make up the difference or do a land exchange for the state to acquire lands with no ESA issues associated with them.
- Since the ESA is an un-funded mandate, it is good that federal funds are being used for the planning.
- Do not want to see the state program become a "permission" program where DNRC has to get the permission of interest groups to proceed with management.
- The more specific the requirements of the HCP are, the more expensive it will be.
- DNRC needs the ability to salvage harvest without leaving an inordinate amount of material for wildlife habitat which impacts trust revenues.
- Leaving down woody material is a good thing but it can also be a fuels problem.
- DNRC should spell out that it's not the responsibility of the trust to recover species.
- It silly to restrict employees from carrying firearms around grizzlies.